



**Purchasing Contract
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 52
AGENDA DATE: Thu 09/30/2004
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SUBJECT: Authorize execution of a contract with FENDER ENTERPRISES, Highland Village, TX, for the purchase of four portable changeable message signs including a microwave detection option for traffic control in an amount not to exceed \$58,336.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$23,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Amended Capital Budget of the Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department and \$35,336 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Operating Budget of the Transportation, Planning and Sustainability Department.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is attached.

REQUESTING Purchasing **DIRECTOR'S**
DEPARTMENT: for Transportation, Planning and Sustainability; **AUTHORIZATION:** Vickie Schubert

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: RC Hernandez, Senior Buyer 974-6434

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: Lowest bid of 3 bids received.

MBE / WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

This contract is for the purchase of four portable changeable message signs to be used for traffic control purposes during traffic accidents, construction, special events, and any other incidents that may require special traffic control devices. The Portable Changeable Message (PCM) signs support the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department's (previously TPSD) business plan goals of providing safe and efficient multi-modal transportation infrastructure and optimizing utilization of existing roadway capacity.

PCM signs are electrically operated by solar-powered battery. They are trailer mounted and used to alert drivers of the presence of a work area or hazard ahead. The signs utilize light emitting diodes (LEDs) to provide legible messages to the traveling public. The units are composed of an electrically-operated sign panel, a self-contained, solar-maintained power source, and an apparatus for raising and lowering the panel. The units also include a microwave detection option (speed radar monitor), which is a low power standard traffic radar unit operating in an approach only mode for on-coming traffic.

There is a companion item for two portable solar-powered or battery-operated advisory radio systems. Each system can be placed along thoroughfares to inform motorists to tune to certain radio frequencies for information about roadway and weather conditions.

MBE/WBE Sent: 2/1

MBE/WBE Bid: 0/0



BID TABULATION

Portable Changeable Message Sign/Qty 4
and Microwave Detection Option/Qty 4
IFB No. RH04100092

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>PCM Sign/Qty 4</u>	<u>Microwave Detection Option/Qty 4</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
FENDER ENTERPRISES HIGHLAND VILLAGE, TX	\$53,336.00	5,000.00	\$58,336.00
American Signal Company Atlanta, GA	\$53,960.00	\$4,444.44	\$58,404.44
N-Line Traffic Maintenance Austin, TX	\$61,600.00	\$4,476.00	\$66,076.00

Complete bid tabulation is available in the Purchasing Office.

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate Competition.
- b. Forty-six notices were sent including two MBEs and one WBE. Five bids were issued none of which were MBE/WBEs. Three bids were received with no MBE/WBE responding.
- c. This is a first time purchase; therefore, there is no price history available.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Low bidder.
- b. Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (previously TPSD) concurs with the recommended award.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and Internet.

**CIP BUDGET
FISCAL NOTE**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION: 30-Sep-04
WHERE ON AGENDA: Resolution not required
DEPARTMENT: Transportation Planning and Sustainability Department

Description: Authorize execution of a contract with FENDER ENTERPRISES, Highland Village, TX, for the purchase of four portable changeable message signs including a microwave detection option for traffic control, in an amount not to exceed \$58,336.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

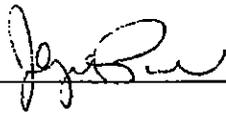
Project Name: Portabile Changeable Message Signs
Project Authorization: 2001-2002 Amended Capital Budget
Funding Source: Federal STP 4C Funds
Fund/Agency/Orgn: 8950-257-1300

Total Current Appropriation	\$18,400.00
Unencumbered Balance	\$18,400.00
Amount of this Action	<u>(\$18,400.00)</u>
Estimated Available	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

Project Name: Portabile Changeable Message Signs - match funding
Project Authorization: 2003-2004 Approved Capital Budget
Funding Source: 1998 G.O. Bonds, Proposition 1
Fund/Agency/Orgn: 8780-607-2128

Total Current Appropriation	\$4,600.00
Unencumbered Balance	\$4,600.00
Amount of this Action	<u>(\$4,600.00)</u>
Estimated Available	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

Financial Approval: _____



Date: _____

09/24/04